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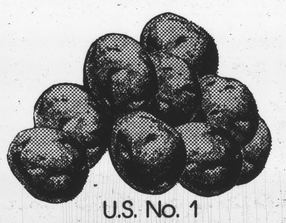

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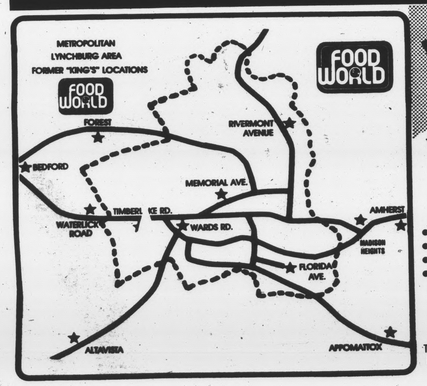

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Abbitt named to board

Watkins Moorman Abbitt, Jr. has been appointed by Charles S. Robb, Governor of The Commonwealth of Virginia, to the State Water Control Board.

Abbitt, a 1964 graduate of Appomattox High School, attended Ferrum College and graduated in 1970 from Virginia Commonwealth University.

The son of The Honorable and Mrs. Watkins Moorman Abbitt, Sr., he is married to the former Brenda Brauns of Richmond. She is a fifth grade teacher with the Appomattox County School Division.

Abbitt, who has been active in political and civic affairs, served as State Chairman of the Sportsmen for Robb. He is a member and past president of Float Fisherman of Virginia; he was a member of the Robb transition team and has worked closely with the Virginia Scenic River Program.

The State Water Control Board deals with every industry in town, county and state in the use of water and dumping of sewage waste.

"As Chairman of the Subcommittee in Privileges and Elections, I am pleased to see your name at the top of the list of appointees," commented Elmon T. Gray of the 16th Senatorial District. "We certainly need good levelheaded people for this mighty important commission," concluded Gray.

Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.

'SHAPING UP' is a lot more fun when it happens in Areobics Class. A new class begins on Thursday night, March 18 at Appomattox Middle School. See story on page 6. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Mitchells purchase store

Elliott's Florist is sold

BY Frances H. Paulette

Elliott's Florist and Gifts, serving Appomattox and the surrounding area with the finest in flowers and gifts for the past 16 years has been sold. The name will remain the same and the new owners plan to continue to offer the same quality service with a personal touch.

Mildred and Francis Elliott, owners and operators of Elliott's Florist and Gifts, sold the business on March 6 to Calvin Mitchell and to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mitchell. Calvin and Marvin are twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh (Slick) Mitchell of Appomattox and Mrs. Mitchell is the former Rita Ferguson, also of Appomattox.

Elliott, before moving to Appomattox in 1966 was a partner in the firm Lea Florist and Garden Center in Bedford.

"When we moved to Appomattox there was a service station on the corner just above where we are located," said Elliott. "The first two buildings were built and the remainder of space between the buildings and the corner was utilized as a parking lot. After approximately two years we took over the second building and made it into a gift shop."

The Elliotts plan to be available whenever the new owners need them in an advisory capacity and will continue to maintain an active interest in the progress of the business.

"We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Elliott for giving us the opportunity to purchase the business and particularly for allowing us to keep the name. We look forward to serving the people of Appomattox the same way the Elliotts did, with a personal interest in our customers. We are happy indeed to have Mr. and Mrs. Elliott on hand to help us out by giving us the benefit of their years of experience. We feel it is a privilege to follow in their footsteps," said Marvin Mitchell.

The Mitchell's have been interested in flowers and flower arranging since early childhood.

The boys were always picking flowers from the neighbors lawn and bringing them home to arrange," laughed their mother, Mrs. Doris Mitchell. "I carefully explained to them it wasn't right to take flowers from the lawn of someone else without permission. They promptly answered, 'But Mama, they were hanging on our side of the yard'" Nevertheless, the flowers had to be taken to the owner.

Marvin and Calvin are 1973 graduates of Appomattox County High School. Marvin, has been working with Wiley and Wilson, Architects, Engineers and Planners as a Designer. He left this position to work full time with the newly acquired business. Calvin, who will work at the florist on a part time basis is a Designer with H. K. Porter in Lynchburg. Rita, who works for Attorney Harry G. Lawson will work in the new business on a part time basis.

"We hope the people of Appomattox will give the new owners the same cooperation and friendship they extended to us," said Francis Elliott.

"I am happy the new owners will continue to use the same peronnel we had. They have been wonderful people to work with," added Elliott. "Inez Eagle, Muriel Arrowood and Pam O'Brien have served us well and we're glad they're staying. Mrs. Liz Quinn was with us for approximately 12 years. We want to thank our fellow workers and the people of Appomattox for their patronage; it has been a good 16 years," Elliti concluded.

James Smith receives award

James Smith of Appomattox is one of three Virginia Extension workers honored for outstanding achievement and awarded the State distinguished Service Award from the national Epsilon Sigma Phi, Extension honorary organization.

Honored with Smith were Robert K. Reynolds, farm management specialist at Virginia Tech, and Hattie P. West, Southeast District Extension leader, from Windsor.

The three received certificates during the awards ceremony of the Virginia Extension Professional Improvement Conference held at Virginia Tech.

Smith, a 32-year Extension veteran, will be one of the leaders in the Virginia Farm Management Tour this year. The outstanding individual has just completed serving as editor of "The County Agent's " magazine, a job he undertook after serving as president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. His many contributions to Extension include giving leadership to many People Involvement Training Programs, as well as providing outstanding educational programs for the citizens of Appomattox County. He serves on several national committees including the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy's subcommittee on Agents Association.

Reynolds, who has been with Extension since 1953, was honored principally for his leadership in establishing the Extension Farm Management Tour. He has been instrumental in organizing farm tours in Rockingham, Culpeper, Southampton, Hanover, and Washington counties. This year's tour will feature six top enterprises in Appomattox County.

In addition, Reynolds has been actively involved in providing management information for many farmers throughout the state. He works closely with many groups and organizations and in 1981 he was awarded a medal of merit from the Virginia Bankers Association for his service to agriculture in farm management and finance. He was named farm management coordinator in December.

Mrs. West, who joined Extension in 1947, has supervisory responsibilities for the programming in the Southeast District. Her accomplishments include establishing a food preserving and vegetable production hotline. The hotline serves the cities of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Clean-up week set

The Appomattox County Litter Control Committee has announced that this year's County Clean-Up Week will be held from April 19-24.

Trash bags and litter bags can be acquired from Bill Caldwell at the County Building Inspector's office, according to Bill Britton, Litter Control Committee spokesman.

Britton says that individual citizens and citizens' groups who wish to pick an area to clean up should contact Bill Caldwell at the County Building Inspector's office. Caldwell will map areas to be cleaned up so that there will be no duplication of efforts.

Britton notes that, in Appomattox County, plastic bags containing trash may be taken to the container sites, and the county will make a special effort to clean up that litter.

In the Town of Appomattox, litter, as well as brush, will be picked up, according to Britton. He notes that this week will be one of three time periods designated during the year in which the town trash trucks will pick up brush. He asked that persons disposing of brush during this week be sure to cut it in lengths of less than six feet.

Britton added that any citizens interested in helping with the county clean-up week may contact either Bill Caldwell at the County Building Inspector's Office, or Britton at the Town Manager's Office.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Martha Street, the Ides of March, '82. A dreary day weatherwise. Awoke to sleet, which is a bad start, any week. But that changed to rain and that was not on the welcome list as the ground was already soaked. Sleet is defined as rain that falls into a cold column of air on its way to the ground and freezes before it hits. So be it, but surely better days are ahead. Spring is scheduled to arrive Saturday, March 20, at 10:56 p.m. To backtrack the Ides of March is a famous date in history. On that date, 44 B.C. Julius Caesar was assasinated. Saturday, March 19, is National Energy Education Day (NEED). Also looming ahead is April 9, anniversary of Peace at Appomattox in 1865. April 9 this year is Good Friday.

ACHS girls volleyball team went to the finals in Region III play, only to lose to Liberty, of Bedford. The title game was played at Jeffrson Forest Saturday. Also in sports, local friends of James Madison University, Harrisonburg, are proud of the athletic rise of that state school. JMU was on television Saturday in a thriller against No. One North Carolina. To hold the No. One ranked team to a 52-50 win is great.

Our neighboring town of Pamplin has had another misfortune, a costly fire at its major payroll industry. A major blow, and following on the heels of losing its school in a consolidation movement. But the fine people of Pamplin will rise again. I recall a town I visited once, think it was Tombstone, Arizona, which was known as "the town that would not die."

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Among those ready for Spring is a squirrel I named The Martha Street Strutter. Saw Strutter a few days ago hopping through my back yard, a bit lean, but he made it through the winter.

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Lots of buds on shrubs and trees. But all of us need to get outdoors and start a Spring Clean Up. 'Twill be a happy day when is dry enough to get garden spots plowed. And planted.

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Quote from the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: "The amount of humor that anyone gets out of the world depends upon the size of the world in which he lives."

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State park campgrounds, picnic areas and hiking trails open for the season March 29. In 1981 a total of 3,717,945 visited state parks in Virginia, a record. A major community and county goal for Appomattox should be to attract more tourists and induce them to prolong their stay.

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Best wishes and prayers to those on the sick list and thanks to our readers wherever you may be. Seeya around.

For 1982-83

School budget at $5.41 million

By BILL SHERROD

The Appomattox County School Board approved a $5,421,705 budget for the 1982-83 school year at their meeting last Wednesday.

The budget represents a 4.9 percent increase over the current year's budget, which totals $5,169,449. The increase in local funds for the next school year amounts to 4.6, as proposed.

Included in the budget is a basic ten percent salary increase for teachers, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools. The salary range for teachers extends from $12,000 as a bottom figure for a teacher with no experience, to $17,982 at the top of the range, including 17 "experience steps."

Other proposed salary increases in the budget include an eight percent pay hike for administrators and supervisors, a five percent increase for bus drivers, a five percent increase for secretaries, and an eight percent increase for other professional and skilled personnel.

In the original budget proposal, there was no provision for a salary increase for the teachers' aides or the custodians. However, when the Board of Supervisors reviewed the budget Friday, they expressed the consensus that to omit those two groups from any salary adjustment plan would be unfair.

Walton said early this week that the budget is being re-worked to accomodate these two groups, with additional money which will come from the state.

Included in the budget is a $50,000 allotment for repairs to the roofs of school buildings, according to Walton.

The budget also includes a $5 increase in the county's share of the individual Blue Cross and Blue Shield payments, according to Walton. The County currently pays $25. In the proposed budget, the county would pay $30.

GERALD WILBUN of the Appomattox Lions Club is shown with Margaret Glover,Librarian at the Appomattox Library, look over a selection of large print books given by the Lions Club to the library. It is becoming more evident that there is a need for these books. Any other club or individual who would like to help build up this collection, call Margaret Glover at 352-5340 for more information.

Lions donate books

Children to register at Primary school

Preschool registration for children who will enter school in September, 1982 will be held at Appomattox Primary School on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26.

Parents may register their children on either date from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In order to enter school, a student must have a record of a comprehensive physical examination given by a licensed physician within the past twelve months. A certificate from a licensed physician certifying that the child has been immunized against communicable diseases is also required.

Children may attend kindergarten during the 1982-83 school year who have reached their fifth birthday on or before December 31 of the school year.

A parent of guardian enrolling a child who will reach the age of five after September 30 and on or before December 31 of the school year will want to discuss with the principal the advisability of the child attending kindergarten.

Children may be admitted to first grade for the 1982-83 school session who have reached their sixth birthday on or before December 31, 1982.

To verify a child's age, parents must present a birth certificate, hospital statement or acceptable record upon registration at the local school.

Employment of personnel and development of plans for the 1982-83 school year are based on the enrollment of school students. Therefore, it is very important that all children who are eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade next year who are not in school this year register on March 25 or 26.

The Appomattox County School Board appreciates the public's cooperation.

Inspirations concert set

The Inspirations will perform April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium, sponsored by the Appomattox County Youth Association.

The Inspirations began singing gospel music in the spring of 1964 in Bryson City, N. C. Ever since that time they have been presenting their ministry to millions by means of TV, records and personal appearances.

Advanced tickets for the performance may be purchased at the following locations: in Appomattox, at the Dairy Queen and Appomattox Rexall Drug Store; in Farmville, Farmville Auto Parts and Carpet House; in Dillwyn at Western Auto; in Cumberland, Cumberland Building Supply; Concord, Village Market, Rt. 24; Lynchburg, The Christian Book Store and at Altavista at the Western Auto Store.

For further information contact Sam Carter at 352-8909.